

The telephone company requires me to pay the bill for their services. This seems proper to me. If I wish someone to call me or a member of my family I provide them with the number at which I may be contacted. At one time I could request an unlisted number. With this number those attempting to reach us was reduced even further. Now in the age of the computer no number goes without being dialed. Computers go right through a sequence of numbers and every telephone rings. I might add probably so does yours. My phone is my private access to and from the rest of the world. Since I pay the bill I sincerely believe that I have the right to that privacy. Why don't you?

I have an answering machine with which we monitor our calls. I have call waiting so that I can see who is calling. However those who wish to sell me something know that I don't want to talk with them. They will cover up the number so that I don't know who the caller is. Then when I answer the phone they try to force something down my pocketbook which I do not want. I believe that some companies hire those with accents so that one is not even sure what is being said. Sometimes one agrees to what is said, but it is because we misunderstood the statement.

I spend my money on caller ID, call waiting ID, and a new product that keeps them from getting through to me unless they identify themselves. This is wrong in my opinion. I pay the bill, those I speak with should be to my own choosing. No government should tell me to whom I should or should not speak. Seems like that would be covered by the freedom of speech which so many in this great country hold so dear.

My phone rings many times less than it did before I went on the list. I would like for it to stay that way. Most of the work, products, and etc. that are offered via the phone I obtain locally. I choose people that I know and trust, or those that someone I know knows or trusts.

Please reconsider your intent to allow further invasion into the private lives of us in Indiana as well as any other state that may have similar laws.

Sincerely Yours,  
Henry R. Mackey